



**OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**  
**EVELYN SANGUINETTI – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

**Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development  
Committee (IMBSEDC)**

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Room 214  
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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

- a. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti called the meeting to order at 10:01am.
- b. Roll was taken and it was determined that quorum was met.

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Evelyn Sanguinetti	Lt. Governor	State of Illinois	Y-Spgfld
Jim Schultz (Heidi Brown-McCreery)	Director	DCEO	Y-Spgfld
Rep. Dan Beiser	Representative	111 <sup>th</sup> District	N
Rep. Tim Butler	Representative	87 <sup>th</sup> District	N
Sen. William Haine	Senator	56 <sup>th</sup> District	N
Sen. Neil Anderson	Senator	State of Il	Y-Phone

Jeff Keirn	IDOT	IDOT	Y-Phone
Todd Rettig	IDNR	IDNR	Y-Phone
Clarence Smith	IEPA	IEPA	Y-Spgfld
Chima Enyia	IDOR	IDOR	Y-Chicago
James Smith	IDMA	IDMA	Y-Phone
Frank Miles	Madison County	Madison County	Y-Phone
Gary Grey	SWIC	SWIC	N
Col. Gene Blade (Ret.)	Illinois National Guard	Illinois National Guard	N
Jim Morgan	Rock Island Arsenal Development Group	Rock Island Arsenal Development Group	N
Larry Walsh	Will County	Will County	N
Paul Rumler	Quad Cities Chamber	Quad Cities Chamber	Y-Phone
Rick Kwasneski	Joliet Arsenal Development	Joliet Arsenal Development	No
Brigadier Gen. Frank Rezac (Ret.)	Illinois Air National Guard	Illinois Air National Guard	Y-Spgfld

## **II. Approval of Minutes From June 30, 2015**

- a. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti opened the floor for corrections to the June 30<sup>th</sup> minutes.
- b. Brig. Gen. Rezac, Ret. noted that there should be a 'Retired' notation next to his name.
- c. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti motioned to approve the minutes.
  - i. Miles moved and Smith seconded.

## **III. Chairman's Remarks**

- a. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti welcomed members and updated the group on her recent visits to state military installations, defense industry manufacturers and veterans' facilities. She discussed the topics put forth at the last meeting concerning the Economic Impact Study, and noted that moving forward she would like the committee to develop a strategic plan for retaining and growing the defense industry in Illinois. This entails preparing for the next round of BRAC and examining how our state's military

installations fit into our country's national security needs. Additionally, she verbalized her commitment to advocate for our military bases and infrastructure, and to help fix structural problems in Springfield that are hindering the defense industry.

She then introduced Adjutant General, General Richard Hayes.

#### **IV. New Business**

- a. Major General Richard J. Hayes Jr. presentation on Military in Illinois
  - i. Illinois National Guard Status
    - Protect the homeland in the State of Illinois, Fight in Nation's wars, and Engage in Global Partnerships
    - 13,000 members-split between Air and Army
    - Link the State to the Department of Defense
    - IL NG 48<sup>th</sup> smallest in nation
    - IL Army NG 46<sup>th</sup> smallest in the nation
  - ii. Active Components (AC) and Reserves in Illinois Status
    - Since 2012 the Governor has had access through the DoD to the Reserve
    - US Army Reserve is in 25 communities in Illinois
      - a. 7500 Army Reserves in the State of Illinois
    - Total Federal Military Forces: 91 different commands in the DoD that touch 36 communities
    - Key DoD Facilities: Scott AFB, Rock Island Arsenal, Great Lakes NTC
    - This is an area that needs attention because it has an impact on economic viability
  - iii. Rock Island Arsenal-Discussion and History
    - Issue at hand is how to convey the rich history of Rock Island
      - a. RIA has been critical in every war, and this is often overlooked
    - RIA assures that NG and Reserve have adequate resources and training before war
    - RIA is the only active U.S. Army Foundry
    - Home to key elements such as the U.S. Army Sustainment Command and Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center
    - Pushing to get Guard presence on the Base and find innovative ways to place new capabilities at the RIA to maintain relevancy.
  - iv. National Commission on the Future of the Army Update

- Commission formed to conduct a comprehensive study on the role/structure of the Army and policy assumptions.
      - a. Make an assessment of the size and force mixture of the active and reserve components
      - b. Make recommendations on the modifications, if any, of the structure of the Army related to mission requirements
      - c. Make an assessment of proposed AH-64 transfers from Army National Guard to the regular Army.
  - v. Economic Status and Statistics
    - The National Guard provides for around 150,000 jobs around the state
    - IL ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> from the bottom in the nation on Return on Taxpayer investment
      - a. For every dollar sent to Washington, IL sees seventy four cents on return
    - Study and comparative analysis need to be conducted
  - vi. Assurance and Economic Opportunity Republic of Poland
    - State partnership program with the Republic of Poland since 1993
      - a. Purpose to exchange military skills and experience, share defense knowledge, and further mutual security cooperation
      - b. Most valuable partner of any NATO partnership nationwide
      - c. Poland has contributed 35,000 troops to Iraq and Afghanistan
      - d. Gold Standard in State Partnerships
      - e. No governor serving in the Office of the Governor has visited Poland and it is time to change that
        - i. Explore economic aspects
        - ii. Meet with President of Poland and ambassadors
        - iii. Establish continued commitment to the ILNG SPP with Poland
  - vii. Positioning to solve these challenges-suggestions for additions to the team
- b. Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti then opened the floor for questions.

- i. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti asked if General Hayes sees value in the Lt. Governor visiting Poland with the purpose on continuing and cultivating this relationship.
- ii. General Hayes responded that he absolutely sees value. He also mentioned there is precedent for the IL Lt. Governor visiting, as then- Lt. Governor Pat Quinn did. He also said that a Lt. Governor would be instrumental in fostering the commitment to Poland's military as a leader in the IL military.
- iii. Echoed General Hayes's concern about Rock Island and noted that there are no illusions that RIA is immune from imminent BRAC activity.
- iv. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti inquired if the Adjutant General had any suggestions about bringing awareness to the many benefits the RIA offers.
- v. Gen. Hayes mentioned a meeting with a historian which illuminated how truly amazing the site is. He noted that the general public and local economic stakeholders must be made aware of what an asset the RIA is to the area.
- vi. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti then asked if he sees value in other neighboring states that may be stakeholders in the success of RIA entering in intergovernmental agreements to keep RIA open.
- vii. He agreed and thought Iowa would certainly have interest in collaboration.
- viii. Paul Rumler then thanked Lt. Governor and Gen. Hayes for highlighting the importance of the RIA. He wants to make sure they are briefed on the regional strategy and noted that they are asking for the type of assistance that they have identified.
- ix. Brig. Gen. Rezac, Ret. mentioned that there are many individuals with 20 or 30 years of experience that would be interested in helping and advising on these issues. He also mentioned that the committee does not get the publicity it should, and that it would help for the Congressional delegation in IL to become more involved and aware on these matters.
- x. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti asked about recent missions of the IL National Guard involving natural disasters.
- xi. Hayes spoke about the Civil Support Team and Chemical Response units. Additionally he said they have relevant standing units ready to mobilize for any catastrophic event.
- xii. Colgan asked about cyber-security and the steps that Illinois can take to protect the public sector infrastructure and interest.

- xiii. Gen. Hayes responded that the Department of Defense created cyber and throughout history have been the leaders in protecting the system and network. There has been a proliferation of cyber criminals. Everything is electronic now and there needs to be a common security platform. Michigan is a national leader and we have linked up with them, so we are trying to determine best practices.

**c. Member Comments**

- i. Frank Miles gave an update on the Scott Air Force Base Task Force. They held a final local P4 partnership planning meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> and briefed the new base leaders on progress to date. They also signed off on other MOUs to handle other arrangements, including the Scott Community Employment Partnership. Additionally, they received the Abilene Trophy, which was the second awarded to Scott Air Force Base in four years.
- ii. Paul Rumler updated that a direct flight between DC and Quad Cities is finalized via an agreement with United. It was a top regional priority for a decade and the flights will begin in late October.
- iii. Brig. Gen. Rezac, Ret. gave an update about the 182<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing in Peoria and invited Lt. Governor to visit. The unit continues activity in Poland and Puerto Rico.

**V. Public Comments**

- a. None

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. The Lieutenant Governor motioned to adjourn at 11:41am. Motion was moved by Miles and seconded by Rumler.